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COLD STORAGE REPORT

AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1940

February 1 cold storage holdings of apples, as reported to the Agricultural Marketing Service, totaled the equivalent of 20,312,000 bushels. This quantity is 661,000 bushels smaller than was on hand February 1, 1939, and 1,649,000 bushels below the 5-year (1935-39) average. The Winesap, McIntosh, Delicious and Baldwin varieties made up about two-thirds of the February 1 apple holdings.

• Total stocks of all frozen fruits were reduced during January by 11,238,000 pounds. For the same period a year earlier the reduction was 9,003,000 pounds and the 5-year average reduction 6,443,000.

The net out-of-storage movement of frozen vegetables totaled 4,875,000 pounds during the month and compares with a similar movement a year earlier of 3,696,000 pounds.

Stocks of creamery butter were reduced materially during January. The net out-movement, which totaled above 26,000,000 pounds, compares with a net withdrawal of 17½ million during January 1939 and 19 million for the January 5-year average. February 1 holdings of butter were the smallest for this date since 1936.

The out-of-storage movement of American cheese was about normal for January and stocks on hand on February 1 were 15 million pounds below those of the same date a year earlier and nearly $6\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds below average.

Shell egg holdings were insignificant, and frozen egg meats were reduced to 56 million pounds. Total case equivalent of both shell and frozen eggs totaled slightly less than 2 million cases, which quantity is 143,000 cases above February 1 a year ago but 206,000 below average.

The beginning of the out-of-storage season on poultry was noted during January. Net withdrawals were light, however, compared with those of both a year earlier and the 5-year average. Holdings were heavier than those on February 1, 1939, by nearly 34 million and the 5-year average by about 362 million pounds.

Frozen and cured meat stocks were increased during the month by 128 million pounds. This increase compares with 95 million for January a year earlier and 77 million pounds for the 5-year average.

Lard stocks again showed material increase, the net accumulation during January this year being 40 million pounds. This quantity compares with 25 million pounds for January 1939 and the same amount for the average.

About 48 percent of the available cold storage space in public warehouses was occupied on February 1, according to reports of 209 concerns. This compares with 52 percent reported for January 1. The decrease occurred in the occupancy of cooler space, declining from 45 to 38 percent. Occupancy of freezer space, on the other hand, was reported to have advanced slightly, from 65 to 67 percent.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

FRESH FRUITS

Cold storage stocks of apples were reduced during January by the equivalent of 5,886,000 bushels. This quantity compares with net withdrawals during January 1939 of 5,593,000 and for the 5-year (1935-39) average, 5,297,000 bushels. February 1 stocks (20,312,000 bushels) were 661,000 bushels less than those of a year earlier and 1,649,000 bushels below average.

FROZEN FRUITS

Net reductions in stocks of all frozen fruits totaled 11,238,000 pounds during the month compared with 9,003,000 pounds for January 1939 and the 5-year average of 6,443,000 pounds. Stocks exceeded those of a year earlier by 341,000 pounds and the average by 30,549,000. Of the total reported (117,099,000 pounds), 24,596,000 were unclassified by variety.

FROZEN VEGETABLES

Frozen vegetable stocks, totaling 67,552,000 pounds, exceeded those of February 1, 1939, by 5,704,000 pounds. The net out-of-storage movement during January was 4,875,000 pounds compared with 3,696,000 for January 1939. Of the total reported, 3,191,000 pounds were not classified by variety.

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Separate tables appearing in this report show United States stocks on hand on February 1, this year compared with previous periods, for the following groups of commodities:

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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

(See table on page 8 for February 1, 1940, holdings by geographic divisions)

	7	r		/ r
Commodity	Feb. 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	Feb. 1,	Jan. 1, 1940	Feb. 1,
FRUITS, FRESH		- Thous	sands -	
Apples barrels Apples Western boxes. Apples Eastern boxes. Apples bushel baskets	9,697	149 10,520 1/ 10,006	202 10,286 7,788 7,518	156 8,199 5,787 5,858
TOTAL APPLES 2/bushels	21,961	20,973	26,198	20,312
Pears, Bartlettsloose boxes Pears, Bartlettsloose boxes Pears, all other varieties.boxes Pearsbushel baskets	- 602 30	9 6 796 68	41 3 1,138 13	41 1 670 4
FRUITS, FROZEN 3/				
Blackberriespounds Blueberries" Cherries" Logan and similar berries" Raspberries" Strawberries" Other fruits" Classification not reported "	Data for these earlier years not compara- ble	2,625 5,092 18,171 2,969 7,351 33,686 17,487 29,377	5,556 5,098 23,037 2,685 8,215 37,391 22,109 24,246	.4,906 4,531 21,036 1,983 7,461 34,203 18,383 24,596
TOTAL"	86,550	116,758	128,337	117,099
VEGETABLES, FROZEN				
Asparaguspounds. Beans, lima	His- torical data not avail- able	3,479 12,503 5,159 1,153 6,206 21,241 3,107 3,420 5,580	7,044 14,666 6,567 1,767 6,676 21,945 6,238 2,866 4,658	7,232 13,562 6,298 1,716 6,662 19,824 5,440 3,627 3,191
TOTAL"		61,848	72,427	67,552
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^{1/} Previously included with "bushel baskets".

^{2/} See also table on page 7 for variety distribution.

^{3/} See also table on page 10 showing reported segregation by small and large containers.

The net reduction in stocks of creamery butter during January totaled 26,275,000 pounds. This quantity compares with an out-of-storage movement during January 1939 of 17,416,000 pounds and the January 5-year (1935-39) average out-movement of 18,908,000 pounds. Dairy Products Marketing Association stocks were reduced by 8,048,000 pounds, Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and relief holdings by 2,139,000, and commercial stocks by 16,088,000 pounds.

Total creamers butter stocks on hard on Tehrnamy 1, 1940, were 82,167,000 pounds below.

Total creamery butter stocks on hand on February 1, 1940, were 82,167,000 pounds below those of February 1, 1939, and 15,955,000 pounds below average.

Total cheese stocks of 94,312,000 pounds were 12,099,000 pounds less than those on hand the same date a year earlier and 514,000 pounds below average. The net out-of-storage movement during January 1940 totaled 13,929,000 pounds, which compares with similar movements of 13,763,000 and 12,430,000 pounds for a year earlier and the 5-year average, respectively.

Egg stocks - both shell and frozen meats - were reduced to the equivalent of 1,717,000

This quantity is 143,000 cases above February 1, 1939, but 206,000 cases below average.

The storage movement of frozen poultry was reversed during January, with net withdrawals of 458,000 pounds. This net out-movement for January is much lighter than usual and compares with 5,577,000 pounds for a year earlier and 7,365,000 pounds for the 5-year average. Total stocks of all frozen poultry exceeded those of a year earlier by 33,654,000 pounds and the average by 36,573,000 pounds. While all varieties other than turkeys showed heavy withdrawals, that item increased by 13,022,000 pounds. This is not unusual as normally turkeys are moved into storage during January. into storage during January.

(See table on page 9 for February 1, 1940, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Feb. 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	Feb. 1,	Jan. 1, 1940	Feb. 1, 1940
CREAM		- Thous	sands -	
Forty percentlp-qt.cans Twenty percent" BUTTER	73 3	136	94	70
Creamery, totalpounds	45,142	111,354	55,462	29,187
DPMA holdings" FSCC & Relief holdings. " Commercial stocks "		70,043 19,825 21,486	10,156 4,719 40,587	2,108 2,580 24,499
Packing stock "	122	41	18	12
American	81,635 4,827 705 832 6,827	90,401 5,902 563 925 8,615	86,805 6,051 1,015 1,070 13,300	75,141 5,304 815 1,121 11,931
TOTAL CHEESE"	94,826	106,411	108,241	94,312
Shellcases Frozenpounds Frozen 1/equivalent cases	223 59,499 1,700	136 50,345 1,438	532 72,279 2,065	117 56,003 1,600
TOTAL EGGS 2/cases	1,923	1,574	2,597	1,717
Broilers	14,319 13,606 30,144 21,261 28,236 3,251 19,795 3/	10,804 13,696 31,273 20,883 28,264 4,664 23,947	11,169 12,809 31,117 27,834 52,307 5,852 19,211 7,344	10,203 8,597 27,119 24,568 65,329 4,250 17,425 9,694
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY "	130,612	133,531	167,643	167,185

Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

SPECIAL NOTE: 83 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of February 1, 1940, were classified as follows: Whites - 34 percent; Yolks - 22 percent; and Mixed - 44 percent.

Carried under "Miscellaneous poultry" previous to January 1, 1940.

MEATS AND LARD

The net accumulation of frozen and cured meats and lard in storage continued during January. Total frozen and cured meats increased by 128 million pounds and lard by 40 million pounds. Frozen and cured pork stocks were increased by 118 million and frozen and cured beef by $1\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds.

All frozen and cured meat stocks, totaling 774 million pounds, were 115 million pounds larger than those of February 1, 1939, but 16 million pounds smaller than the February 5-year (1935-39) average.

Stocks of pork were 61 million pounds and 3 million pounds above the February 1, 1939, and the February average, respectively. Beef stocks were 25 million pounds above February 1 a year earlier but 26 million below average.

Stocks of lard, totaling 202 million pounds, exceeded those of a year earlier by 70 million and the average by 81 million pounds.

(See table on page 9 for February 1, 1940, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Feb. 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	Feb. 1, 1939	Jan. 1, 1940	Feb. 1,
BEEF		- Thousand	peunds -	
Frozen	83,180 16,830 4,981	37,677 12,065 3,384	62,961 10,917 3,096	64,011 10,982 3,550
TOTAL BREF	104,991	53,126	76,974	78,543
PORK Frozen Dry salt in process of cure Dry salt cured. Pickled in process of cure. Pickled cured. TOTAL PORK.	214,165 44,234 30,927 176,857 118,415 584,598	221,155 42,127 25,764 146,823 90,542 526,411	178,622 41,848 25,662 141,637 81,690 469,459	258,145 49,199 31,743 150,349 98,272 587,708
LAMB AND MUTTON Frozen	4,671	2,925	4,803	4,277
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL Frozen and cured	95,688	76,238	94,733	103,503
TOTAL MEATS	789,948	658,700	645,969	774,031
LARD	120,454	132,078	162,105	201,822

HOLDINGS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES, BY STATES, FEBRUARY 1, 1940

State	Cream (40-qt.	Butter	American cheese	Eggs	Frozen	Total poultry
	cans)	Lbs.	Lbs.	Cases	Lbs.	Lbs.
Massachusetts			1	no spr. CABLE IN CAS. N. S. Base of F. Constant employees J. F. No.	0.47	1 77 405
Other States	1. Shared dephasing 11 Americka State and 1. State at Sta	55 4 860	2,008 304	- The Park State Control of the State Control of th	943 562	11,405
NEW ENGLAND		1,414	2,312	1	1,505	12,288
New York New Jersey Pennsylvania	52	2,620 5,423 1,250	8,835 3,706 1,300		5,674 3,334 3,557	37,498 13,198 5,555
MIDDLE ATLANTIC		9,293	13,841	21	12,565	56,251
Ohio Indiana Illinois Michigan Wisconsin	7 3 3	1,079 146 10,403 631 181	439 41 3,408 756 40,159		2,838 406 9,432 1,049 727	2,218 3,082 34,968 2,194 1,103
EAST N. CENTRAL		12,440	44,803	15	14,452	43,565
Minnesota. Iowa. Missouri. Nebraska. Kansas. Dakotas.		630 34 1,222 232 83 181	801 21 1,931 382 157		999 2,315 7,156 1,960 2,075	6,494 3,023 9,858 12,068 1,782 39
West n. Central		2,382	3,292	5	14,510	33,264
SOUTH ATLANTIC		900	2,574	1	2,302	2,506
Kentucky TennesseeAlabama & Mississippi.		311 375 104	117 267 245		554 822 317	1,945 7 55 85
EAST S. CENTRAL		790	629	eart of the telegraph system of the (system system) and application of the system). We be a second of the system o	1,693	2,785
Oklahoma Texas		3 334 25	37 1,608 183	· ·	1,959 2,591 455	226 639 169
WEST S. CENTRAL		362	1,828		5,005	1,034
ColoradoOther States		118 104 222	408 1,003 1,411	1	267 48 315	498 605 1,103
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WashingtonOregonCalifornia		482 1 901	406 577 3,468		1,119 212 2,325	4,530 2,055 7,804
PACIFIC		1,384	4,451	73	3,656	14,389
Other States, combined for cream only	5					
UNITED STATES	70	29,187	75,141	117	56,003	167,185

APPLE HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE, BY STATES

		Februar	ry 1, 1940		DI 31A1	February 1, 1939
ST ATE	Barrels	Boz Western	es Eastern	Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
		' I		l lhousands -		ll il
Vermont Connecticut Massachusetts New York Pennsylvania Ohio Indiana Ohio Indiana Illinois Michigan Wisconsin Misconsin Minnesota Misscuri Virginia Virginia Virginia Virginia Vest Virginia Texas Washington Oregon California Other States	26 1 21 - - - - 98	- 6 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	94 243 573 3,115 214 247 148 43 151 195 14 491 29 - - 181	- 2 983 330 782 349 105 369 471 42 7 293 1,521 217 - - - 387	94 243 581 4,191 557 1,108 502 152 5668 67 366 2,364 270 438 844 639	44 205 307 3,457 755 1,090 269 127 552 716 65 63 289 2,169 234 67 7,797 634 1,452 681
UNITED STATES.	156	8,199	5,787	5,858	20,312	20,973

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF APPLE HOLDINGS AMONG IMPORTANT VARIETIES, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS AND THE UNITED STATES 1/2

Variety	New Eng.	Mid. Atl.	E.N. Cent.	W.N. Cent.	So. Atl.	Mtn.	Pac.	U.S.
Baldwin Ben Davis and Gano Cortland. Delicious. Greening (R.I.) McIntosh. Northern Spy. Rome Beauty. Stayman. Winesap. Yellow Newtown (Albemarle Pippin). York Imperial. Other Varieties.	1 3 1 57 3 1 -	23 3 2 5 7 35 5 6 3 - 2 9	1.4 6 - 14 1 2 4 11 9 3 - 36	15 19 1 1 - 9 - 7	- 6 - 5 - 8 10 32 10 21 8	- 8 - - 51 - 40 - 1	- - 21 - - 4 - 62 10 - 3	9 3 1 2 2 13 2 6 3 30 5 4 10

^{1/} Based on reports of concerns holding about three-fifths of the total apples in cold storage on February 1.

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	Total	156 8,139 5,787 5,858	41 670 4	348 1,342 977 588 1,371 12,694 4,813	4,558 3,189 20,059 1,395 6,090 21,509 38,166	4,906 4,531 21,036 1,983 7,461 34,203 42,979	7,232 13,562 6,298 1,716 6,662 19,824 5,440 6,818
	Pacific	7,896	21 614	51 28 342 364 6,284 1,216	2,087 4 631 953 400 4,361 6,022	2,138 5 659 1,295 764 10,645	526 453 720 269 1,209 4,136 344 1,615
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BY GEO	South	1,910	111	102 102 76 16 94 1,570	248 48 48 251 30 1,019 1,307	262 150 327 46 169 2,589 1,706	355 355 352 149 294 374 85
1940,	West North Central	% 02.04 % 04.04	H 102 1	9 21 93 138 391 84	108 285 707 1112 1,114 3,448	117 306 800 1,252 3,839	449 473 85 21 635 1,142 110 739
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FEBRUAR	Middle Atlantic	48 41 3,577 2,095	15 - 27 27	191 859 460 62 62 215 1,498 1,619	1,461 1,701 12,785 47 1,727 5,838 21,184	1,652 2,560 13,245 109 1,942 7,336 22,803	5,310 10,484 4,600 1,115 2,982 10,135 3,950 2,592
HOLDINGS,	New England	1,055	1 1 1	5 121 126 126 163 895 56	35 311 186 53 1,485	40 432 312 312 55 1,648 2,087 438	96 210 44 15 349 988 56 80
COLD STORAGE HO	Commodity	Apples. FRUITS, FRESH barrels. Apples. Western boxes. Apples. Eastern boxes. Apples. Bastern boxes. Apples. Bushel baskets	Bartlettspacked Eartlettslose b all cther varietiesboxes.	ERUITS, FROZEN In small containers Blackberries Blueberries Cherries Logan and similar berries Raspberries Strawberries Other fruits	r larg	8	Asparagus. Beans, lima. Beans, snap. Broccili, green. Corn, sweet. Spinach. Other vegetables.

-	Total	-	02 -	29,187	75,141 5,304 815 1,121 11,931	117	10,203 8,597 27,119 24,568 65,329 4,250 17,425 9,694	64,011 10,982 3,550	258,145 49,199 31,743 150,349 98,272	4,277	103,503	201,822
<u>.</u>	Pacific	_	1 1	1,384	4,451 236 5 59 1,030	73,656	1,413 110 349 1,024 10,767 119 604	3,376 169 107	6,651 539 176 5,069 2,537	251	3,056	2,615
CONTID	Mountain	_	1 1	222	1,411 47 80 1 185	315	54 23 234 273 573 149 8	449 83 31	1,740 258 231 2,323 1,353	202	1,806	1,235
DIVISIONS	West South Central	_	1 1	362	1,828 68 24 3	5,005	24 111 111 5235 313 8 142	6,424 273 5	4,381 1,030 758 3,568	207	2,847	2,282
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BY GE	West North Central		ન	2,382	3,292 28 50 20 20 575	5 14,510	4,185 2,975 4,748 4,748 8,190 2,418 5,678	11,863 2,297	137,623 22,362 14,818 61,791 45,888	916	45,299	47,240
, 1940,	East North Central		14	12,440	44,803 3,640 576 855 1,194	15 14,452	2,636 3,343 7,592 8,335 11,518 1,141 6,073	26,569 6,493 1,793	79,652 16,988 12,473 53,251 40,809	1,040	31,852	136,915
FEBRUARY 1	Middle Atlantic		54	9,293	13,841 1,209 35 181 8,013	21,565	1,361 1,596 10,621 7,923 25,764 2,335 5,625	9,621 1,324 804	11,516 1,715 497 10,539	1,540	9,468	5,568
	New		r 1 1	1,414	2,312	1,505	249 275 2,985 935 6,905 543	1,843	4,629 351 249 7,377 2,131	157	2,037	2,957
COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS,	Commodity	DAIR FRODUCTS	Cream, Forty percent	Butter, creamery 1/pounds Butter, packing stock	Cheese, American	Eggs, shellcases	Broilers POULTRY Pounds Fryers Roasters Powls Fowls Ducks Miscellaneous roultry Miscellaneous roultry Unclassified frozen poultry "	Beef, frozen process of cure Beef, cured	Pork, dry salt in process of cure. Pork, dry salt cured Pork, pickled in process of cure Pork, pickled cured	Lamb and mutton, frozen "	Frozen and cured trimmings and edible offal	Lard

1/ Includes DFMA, FSCC, and relief holdings, as well as commercial stocks.

FROZEN FRUITS: HOLDINGS IN SMALL AND LARGE CONTAINERS JANUARY 1 and FEBRUARY 1, 1940

Commodity		containers lb. capacity)	In bulk or large containers (30 lb. or greater capacity)			
	January 1	February 1	January 1	February 1		
	- Thousand pounds -					
Blackberries	1,104 634 1,466 13,304 4,135	348 1,342 977 588 1,371 12,694 4,114 699	5,364 3,526 21,933 2,051 6,749 24,087 17,974 22,984	4,558 3,189 20,059 1,395 6,090 21,509 14,269 23,897		
TOTAL	23,669	22,133	104,668	94,966		

OCCUPANCY OF AVAILABLE COLD STORAGE SPACE

JANUARY 1 and FEBRUARY 1, 1940

	Percentage of space occupied								
Geographic division		nuary 1, 19 203 concerns		i	February 1, 1940 (209 concerns)				
	Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Coolers	Freezers	Combined			
New England Middle Atlantic East North Central. West North Central. South Atlantic East South Central. West South Central. Mountain Pacific	46 37 58 26 26	60 75 61 67 66 64 61 51 60	54 57 52 49 60 32 44 42 42	40 40 40 35 47 22 39 32 30	61 72 62 74 62 42 61 63 59	50 50 48 51 51 25 45 41 36			
UNITED STATES	45	65	52	38	67	48			